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Dear Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review Committee Members,

As Chairman of the State of Maryland's 15 member Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission (TFAC), which has the duty of advising the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) on matters pertaining to Maryland's commercial fishing industry, I am writing to express our support and request your approval of the MD DNR emergency regulation extension request for menhaden. The MD DNR Fisheries Service has kept the TFAC informed and sought our input throughout the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's fishery management planning and MD DNR menhaden regulatory process.

Sincerely,

Billy Rice
Chairman, Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission